



Mrs. Barbara Jean Smith

June 13, 1944 - May 11, 2024

*****ATTN: PLEASE SEE CORRECTED VISITATION TIME BELOW***

***A CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICE IN LOVING MEMORY OF MRS. BARBARA JEAN SMITH WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY, MAY 23, 2024. PLEASE SEE VISITATION & SERVICE TIMES LISTED BELOW

***MASKS ARE OPTIONAL AT THE CHURCH. HAND SANITIZER WILL BE PROVIDED AT THE CHURCH UPON REQUEST.

***ATTENTION TO THOSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO VIEW SERVICES ONLINE FROM HOME, YOU HAVE (3) OPTIONS TO CHOOSE FROM:

1. Go to Mt. Zion Baptist Church's website at: mtzionkalamazoo.org

-Or

2. Go to YouTube and type in [mtzionbaptistkalamazoo](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...)

-Or

3. Go to Facebook, if you have a facebook account. after logging in, type in [Myzionbaptistkalamazoo](https://www.facebook.com/Myzionbaptistkalamazoo)

***FOR THOSE THAT DO NOT USE THE INTERNET, YOU MAY LISTEN TO THE SERVICE ON YOUR PHONE BY CALLING: (269) 206-9635

Barbara Jean (Scott) Smith passed away on May 11, 2024 at the age of 79 years old in Kalamazoo, Michigan. She was born to Leonard Scott Sr., and Wanda (Russell) Scott on June 13, 1944 in Kalamazoo, Michigan. She retired from Pharmacia where she worked as quality control specialist after many years of dedicated service.

Barbara wholeheartedly believed and served the Lord Jesus Christ. She was a faithful member of Mount Zion Baptist Church which is located in Kalamazoo, Michigan. She faithfully served as a Sunday school teacher, a greeter, and a servant of the Lord for a very long time. Barbara would always praise and worship God in good and in bad times.

In the year 1997, Barbara graduated from Western Michigan University with a degree in the Bachelor of Science in business. She fulfilled a lifelong dream of hers when she got her diploma.

Barbara was preceded by her husband, James Lee. Smith Jr., who died in 2005. They were married for decades and had three children whom she dearly loved and cared for. She was preceded by both of her parents, Leonard and Wanda Scott, Terry Scott - her brother, Sherry Scott - her sister, and Sandra Smith - her sister.

Barbara leaves behind three children named Julian, Pamela, and Kelli. She remained devoted to all of her children, especially Julian. Barbara believed that children were a gift from God. She has a grandson named Chandler, several granddaughters named Brooke, Jasmine, and Essence and a son-in-law named Stanley James. She also leaves behind her twin brother Leonard Scott Jr., sister Deborah Sims, sister Judy Elliott, brother Craig Scott, and brother Gregory Scott. She has numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends that she cared deeply for.

Barbara loved to work in her garden, traveled at every moment that she could, and loved to help other people. She found it to be her passion in life. She raised her children to put God first in their lives and to serve God and other people by helping them. She truly led by example.

Barbara Smith was a loyal wife, a wonderful mother, a caring sister, a child of God, a humble daughter, and a great human being who led people to God. She will be greatly cherished and deeply missed. She will always be remembered for telling people to put God first in their life.

Previous Events

Visitation For Family & Friends

MAY 23. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Mt. Zion Baptist Church
120 Roberson Street
kalamazoo, MI 49007-3557

A Celebration Of Life & Love

MAY 23. 11:00 AM (ET)

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120 Roberson Street
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Tribute Wall



“ Harper Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Barbara Jean Smith



Harper Funeral Home - May 21, 2024 at 02:14 AM

KK

“ KIMBERLY SMITH - KIRK lit a candle in memory of Barbara Smith



KIMBERLY SMITH - KIRK - June 14, 2024 at 01:01 PM

LL

“ My Heart is broken, I'm offering my deepest condolences!love and miss you Barbara Rest in God's care!

Lula Ligon - June 10, 2024 at 05:58 PM

JS

“ Such a beautiful and amazing woman!! It was definitely an honor meeting Mrs. Barbara. She will be missed !! My condolences , love , and prayers to the family.



J. Spencer - May 30, 2024 at 06:36 AM

EF

“ *Earline Fields lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Barbara Jean Smith*



Earline Fields - May 28, 2024 at 11:08 AM

EF

“ *My Condolences to the Smith family I will always keep you all in my prayers RIP Mrs Smith*



Earline Fields - May 28, 2024 at 11:07 AM

PP

“ *Patricia Plair*



Patricia Plair - May 27, 2024 at 09:35 PM

DF

“ *Dallas Boards and family lit a candle in memory of Barbara Smith*



Dallas Boards and family - May 26, 2024 at 09:02 AM

TP

“ Theresa Prude lit a candle in memory of Barbara Smith



Theresa Prude - May 25, 2024 at 12:47 PM

BF

“ Betty Ford lit a candle in memory of Barbara Smith



Betty Ford - May 23, 2024 at 11:31 AM

VF

“ Velma Smith, Chris Smith and Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Mrs. Barbara Jean Smith.



Velma Smith, Chris Smith and Family - May 22, 2024 at 10:12 PM

TW

“ I want you to know that your family is in my thoughts and prayers. Your mother was an amazing woman who touched the lives of many. May you find strength and solace in the memories you shared together. ❤️ 🙏 ❤️

Tina Echols Wade - May 22, 2024 at 05:34 PM

TF

“ *The Dunn Family purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Mrs. Barbara Jean Smith.*



The Dunn Family - May 22, 2024 at 01:29 PM

ES

“ *Ethel (Jones) Smith lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Barbara Jean Smith*



Ethel (Jones) Smith - May 22, 2024 at 01:00 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Mrs. Barbara Jean Smith.*



May 22, 2024 at 10:13 AM

CF

“ *Cassandra, Rapheal and Family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Mrs. Barbara Jean Smith.*



Cassandra, Rapheal and Family - May 22, 2024 at 09:19 AM

CF

“ Cassandra, Rapheal and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Barbara Jean Smith.

Cassandra, Rapheal and Family - May 22, 2024 at 09:19 AM

HD

“ Sending prayers and condolences to the family of Barbara Jean Smith. So sorry for your loss, sincerely The Drivers' Family, Eddie, Helen, Corey and Erika.



Helen Driver - May 21, 2024 at 08:25 PM

JN

“ Joel & Jenny Norman purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Mrs. Barbara Jean Smith.



Joel & Jenny Norman - May 21, 2024 at 11:13 AM

JN

“ Joel & Jenny Norman planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Barbara Jean Smith.

Joel & Jenny Norman - May 21, 2024 at 11:13 AM

AW

“ *Andrew Wilkerson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Barbara Jean Smith*



Andrew Wilkerson - May 20, 2024 at 11:07 PM

PG

“ *Pauline Gardner lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Barbara Jean Smith*



Pauline Gardner - May 20, 2024 at 09:58 PM

ML

“ *Mary Ligon-Goens lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Barbara Jean Smith*



Mary Ligon-Goens - May 20, 2024 at 06:43 PM

BM

“ *Bernard Martin lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Barbara Jean Smith*



Bernard Martin - May 20, 2024 at 03:03 PM

BM

“ *My Condolence goes out to the Scott's family. RIP Barbara*

Bernard Martin - May 20, 2024 at 03:02 PM

BF

“ *Betty Ford lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Barbara Jean Smith*



Betty Ford - May 20, 2024 at 09:34 AM

JE

“ *Jo Ann Embrey lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Barbara Jean Smith*



Jo Ann Embrey - May 20, 2024 at 08:34 AM

TW

“ *Tina Echols Wade lit a candle in memory of Barbara Smith*



Tina Echols Wade - May 19, 2024 at 07:43 PM

BE

“ *Bobby Edwards lit a candle in memory of
Barbara Smith*



Bobby Edwards - May 19, 2024 at 05:11 PM

HB

“ *Helen (Mills) Brooks lit a candle in memory of
Barbara Smith*



Helen (Mills) Brooks - May 19, 2024 at 03:13 PM